IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA ERIE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ex rel.
DILBAGH SINGH, M.D.,
PAUL KIRSCH, M.D.,
V. RAO NADELLA, M.D., and
MARTIN JACOBS, M.D.,

Relators,

v. : Civil Action No. 04-186E

BRADFORD REGIONAL

MEDICAL CENTER,

V&S MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, LLC,

PETER VACCARO, M.D.,

KAMRAN SALEH, M.D.,

and DOES I through XX,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS TO BRADFORD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER'S FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 34 ("Rule 34"), Plaintiff-Relator Martin Jacobs, M.D. ("Relator Jacobs") serves the following responses and objections to Defendant Bradford Regional Medical Center's ("BRMC") First Request for Production of Documents.

Requests

Please produce the following:

1. Any written disclosure of material evidence and information provided to the United States pursuant to 31 U.S.C. §3730(b)(2) and any documents related or referring thereto.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges.

2. Any communications with the United States or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania referring or relating to matters alleged in the Complaint.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges.

3. Any affidavit or statement referring or relating to the matters alleged in the Complaint.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges.

4. Any communications with any of the other Relators, any of the Defendants, or any other persons relating to the Complaint or the matters alleged in the Complaint.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. He also objects to this Interrogatory on the basis hat it is vague, overly broad, harassing and unduly burdensome. Without waiving the foregoing objections, Relator Jacobs

will produce such communications that are not privileged.

5. All documents referred to in the Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures of Relators.

Response:

Documents identified in Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures will be produced.

Any agreement, contract or memorandum of understanding with any of the other Relators 6. and any documents relating thereto.

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. Without waiving the foregoing objections, Relator Jacobs states that there are no documents responsive to this request.

7. All documents referring or relating to V&S, Dr. Saleh and/or Dr. Vaccaro.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. He also objects to this Interrogatory on the basis that it is vague, overly broad, harassing and unduly burdensome. Without waiving the foregoing objections, Relator Jacobs will produce non-privileged documents that he believes are responsive to this request.

All documents referring or relating to BRMC, other than medical records or documents 8. relating to services provided to specific patients.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. He also objects to this Interrogatory on the basis that it is vague, overly broad, harassing and unduly burdensome. Without waiving the foregoing objections, Relator Jacobs will produce non-privileged documents that he believes are responsive to this request.

9. Any documents referring or relating to any litigation in which Dr. Jacobs was a party during the Relevant Time Period.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. Relator Jacobs also objects to this Request on the basis that the information sought is not relevant to the claims or defenses in this case and on the basis that it is vague, overly broad, harassing and unduly burdensome.

Any documents referring or relating to any governmental investigation of which 10. Dr. Jacobs was a subject during the Relevant Time Period.

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. Relator Jacobs also objects to this Request on the basis that the information sought is not relevant to the claims or defenses in this case and on the basis that it is vague, overly broad, harassing and unduly burdensome.

Any documents referring or relating to any administrative proceeding in which 11. Dr. Jacobs was a party during the Relevant Time Period.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. Relator Jacobs also objects to this Request on the basis that the information sought is not relevant to the claims or defenses in this case and on the basis that it is vague, overly broad, harassing and unduly burdensome.

Any documents referring or relating to disputes between Dr. Jacobs and Medicare, 12. Medicaid, TRICARE, CHAMPUS or Non-Governmental Payor or any investigation of Dr. Jacobs by Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, CHAMPUS or Non-Governmental Payor during the Relevant Time Period.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. Relator Jacobs also objects to this Request on the basis that the information sought is not relevant to the claims or defenses in this case and on the basis that it is vague, overly broad, harassing and unduly burdensome.

13. Any documents referring or relating to any hospital, health system, ambulatory surgery center, diagnostic imaging or testing facility or other health care facility or entity with which Dr. Jacobs had a Financial Relationship during the Relevant Time Period, or to any such Financial Relationship.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. Relator Jacobs also objects to this Request on the basis that the information sought is not relevant to the claims or defenses in this case and on the basis that it is vague, overly broad, harassing and unduly burdensome.

14. Any documents referring or relating to any claims for payment submitted to Medicare or Medicaid by Dr. Jacobs or any physician group practice of which Dr. Jacobs is a member or employee for Designated Health Services.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. Relator Jacobs also objects to this Request on the basis that the information sought is not relevant to the claims or defenses in this case and on the basis that it is vague, overly broad, harassing and unduly burdensome.

15. Any document evidencing Dr. Jacobs's United States citizenship or, if not a U.S. citizen, any document evidencing his current visa status, including, but not limited to, an I-95 form.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that the information sought is not relevant to the claims or defenses in this case. He also objects to this Request on the basis that it is vague, overly broad, harassing and unduly burdensome.

16. Any cost reports of BRMC in the custody, possession or control of Dr. Jacobs.

Response:

Relator Jacobs has no documents responsive to this request, other than cost reports that have been produced by BRMC during discovery in this case.

17. Any and all documents related or referring to the Indictment of Dr. Jacobs in <u>United States of America v. Martin D. Jacobs</u>, Criminal No. 06-58 filed on October 10, 2006 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania or any of the matters referred to in said Indictment.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. Relator Jacobs also objects to this Request on the basis that the information sought is not relevant to the claims or defenses in this case and on the basis that it is vague, overly broad, harassing and unduly burdensome. Additionally, Relator Jacobs asserts his Fifth Amendment privilege.

18. Any documents identified in the responses to any of the Interrogatories.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. Without waiving any of the foregoing objections, relevant, non-privileged documents will be produced.

All documents relied upon in responding to any of the Interrogatories. 19.

Response:

Relator Jacobs objects to this Request on the basis that it seeks information that is the subject of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine and common-interest and joint prosecution privileges. Without waiving any of the foregoing objections, relevant, non-privileged documents will be produced.

Respectfully submitted this Leday of March 2007.

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VERIFICATION

I, Martin Jacobs, M.D. verify that the information set forth in the foregoing Responses and Objections to Bradford Regional Medical Center's First Request For Production of Documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and are made subject to the penalties of 18 Ps. Con. Stat. Ann. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the attached document was served on each of the following attorneys via First Class United States mail on the date set forth below:

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